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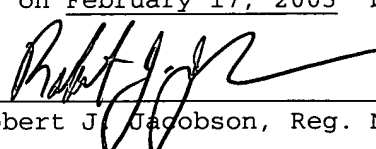
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c. FR 2753445 A1
c. USP 6,352,619

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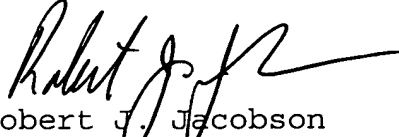
For the information of The Patent Office, please find further enclosed an EPO Communication (document "a") dated February 4, 2003 (one page) having a European Search Report (one page) and an Annex to the European Search Report (one page)

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Respectfully submitted,

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